

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 18 remain in the application and claims 1-4, 6-10, and 18 have been amended hereby. Claims 12-17 and 19-52 have been cancelled, with prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-52 under 35 USC 102(b), as being anticipated by Excel or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a), as being obvious over Excel in view of Official Notice.

Features of the information processing apparatus and method according to the present invention are to automatically process a display of a plurality of objects within an electronic structured document including layout designating information for designating position and arranging directions for the plurality of objects. See Fig. 9 of the present application, for example.

The resulting automatic processing of the electronic structured document according to the present invention is shown in Figs. 10 or 11, for example, and the claimed analyzing, determined, generating, and displaying processing functions are shown in the flowchart of Fig. 12 of the present application, for example.

Looking at Excel we see that it is merely showing how a user can switch between a horizontally displayed text and a vertically displayed text. No electronic structured document including layout designating information for designating position and arranging directions for a plurality of objects is shown or suggested by Excel. Further, no automatic processing of the electronic structured document such as the claimed


analyzing, determining, generating, and displaying is shown or suggested by Excel.

The Official Notice merely relates to graphical-user-interfaces (GUIs) such as Excel and others.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 6, and 18, and the claims depending therefrom, are not anticipated by Excel or, in the alternative, are patentable over Excel in view of Official Notice.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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